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PA#	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE or ADDITION	EFFECTIVE	WEBLINK	MERC DECISION*
4	Repeals Emergency Financial Manager (EFM) authority under PA 72 and creates an Emergency Manager (EM) who can terminate collective bargaining agreements in whole or part. Suspends bargaining obligations under PERA.	3-16-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-act-4-of-2011 REPEALED 11-6-12	
9	Requires collective bargaining agreements to contain a provision regarding the Emergency Manager law per PA4.	3-16-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-423-215	
38	Taxes pensions; Eliminates earned income credits for low income workers.	10-1-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-Act-281-of-1967	
41	Discontinues tax exemption for state employee pensions.	5-25-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-38-40	
42	Discontinues tax exemptions for public school employee pensions.	5-25-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-38-1346	
45	Excludes "Graduate Assistants or equivalent" from "public employee" definition for collective bargaining purposes.	3-13-12	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-423-201	
53	Prohibits school districts from collecting union dues or fees via payroll deduction (check off); Establishes MERC as conduit to receive and post annual audits from unions on MERC website beginning March 1, 2013.	3-20-12	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-423-210	
54	At contract expiration until a newly ratified CBA: (a) wages & step increases are frozen, (b) Insurance increases passed to employees, (c) Eliminates retroactive increases.	6-8-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-423-215b	*Bedford 12-14-12 *Waverly 12-14-12 *Shelby Township 8-18-14
62	Provides funds for Public schools, Colleges and Universities, etc.	6-21-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-act-94-of-1979	
63	Provides funds for governmental departments.	6-21-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-HB-4526	
76	Excludes from the "public employee" definition for collective bargaining purposes those persons employed by private entities that receive a	4-10-12	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-423-201	

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	government subsidy or stipend.			
	Removes "Reasonable and Just Cause"	7-19-11		
100	discharge standard for public school employees		http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-38-101	
	subject to the Teacher Tenure Act.			
	Establishes new standards for achieving and	7-19-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-38-91	
101	maintaining teacher tenure; revises teacher			
	tenure hearing procedures			
	Emphasizes student achievement in teacher	7-19-11		*Pontiac Schools 3-17-14
102	performance evaluations; Expands prohibited		http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-380-1249	
	subjects of bargaining.			
	Expands prohibited subjects of bargaining for	7-19-11		*Pontiac Schools 3-17-14
	public school teachers to include: performance			
103	evaluation standards; merit pay standards;		http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-423-215	
	decisions on layoff, recall, hiring, position			
	eliminations, etc.			
	Shifts cost of 312 arbitration solely to the		http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-423-235	
116	Parties; Last offers submitted up front in		http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-423-236	
	process; Sets strict timelines; Requires MERC	7-20-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-423-238	
	training for 312 panel arbitrators.			
152	Caps Employer's health care contributions to			*Decatur Schools 1-21-14
	either: (a) Hard Cap plan (Single 5.5K, 2person			*Shelby Township 8-18-14
	11K, Family 15K); or (b) 80-20 plan health.	9-27-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-act-152-of-2011	
	Employers must comply or forfeit state budget			
	offsets.			
258	Consolidations or transfers.	12-14-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-act-258-of-2011	
259	Consolidations or transfers.	12-14-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-423-201a	
260	Consolidations or transfers.	12-14-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-423-215	
261	Authorizes intergovernmental transfers of	12-14-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-124-610	
	municipal emergency service employees.			
262	Permits consolidations at Employer's discretion;	12-14-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-124-534	
	Obligates parties to negotiate a new CBA(s).			
263	Authorizes intergovernmental transfers of	12-14-11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-124-505	
	employees and responsibilities.			
277	Expands number of charter schools in state	1-10-12	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-SB-0618	
	(unlimited).			

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297	Prohibits public employers from providing	12/22/11	http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-act-297-of-2011	
	domestic partner benefits.			
322	Excludes Act 312 eligible employees from the	10/15/14	http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2013-	
	provisions of PA 54.		2014/publicact/htm/2014-PA-0322.htm	
	Establishes MI as a 'right to work' state (private			
	sector). Prohibits private sector employees in		http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-SB-0116	
	unionized workplaces from being required to			
348	join the union, or that nonunion employees pay	3/28/13		
	agency fees, assessments, or other charges or	. ,		
	expenses, or provide anything of value to a			
	labor organization or bargaining representative			
	as a condition of employment.			
	Establishes MI as a 'right to work' state (public			
	sector). Prohibits public sector employees from		http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-HB-4003	
	being required to join the union, or that non-		http://legisiature.imi.gov/uoc.aspx:2011-nb-4003	
		3/28/13		
240	union employees pay agency fees, assessments,	3/20/13		
349	or other charges or expenses, or provide			
	anything of value to a labor organization or			
	bargaining representative as a condition of			
	employment. Exempts Act 312 eligible			
	employees.			
	Replaces Emergency Financial Manager (EFM)			
	authority under PA 72. Permits the appointment		http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-act-436-of-2012	*City of Detroit 6-14-13
436	of an Emergency Manager (EM) where a	3/28/13		
	financial emergency exists; Duty to Bargain			
	suspended for up to 5years; EM term limited to			
	16 months; EM can nullify existing CBAs.			

^{*}Decisions referenced below are posted on MERC's website under "Decisions" using the MERC Decisions subcategory and corresponding issue date.